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US Department of Justice  
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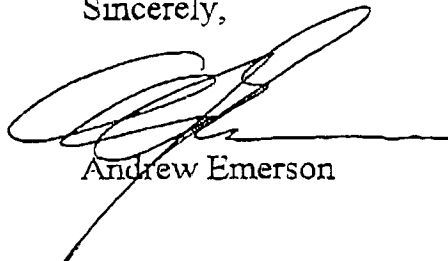
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was happy to hear that Microsoft had reached a settlement late last year with the Department of Justice. I believe the settlement will be good for consumers and the entire computer industry.

Microsoft has agreed to many concessions in order to wrap up this case and move forward. For example, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. This type of provision is groundbreaking for an antitrust settlement. Also, Microsoft agreed to the creation of Technical Committee that will be charged with monitoring the company and assuring they meet all their obligations.

I believe the federal government, especially in the current environment, could make better use of their resources than continuing this litigation. I commend you for your efforts to resolve this case and hope you will finalize the settlement soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Emerson', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Emerson

cc: Representative David E. Bonior